



NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

NEWS RELEASE

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Bull Canyon Fire 50 acres

Craig, Colo. – The 50 acre Bull Canyon Fire is on the Bureau of Land Management five miles north of the town of Dinosaur and ten miles south of Dinosaur National Monument. The fire was reported at 12:14 Friday and is burning in brush and pinyon/juniper trees and was caused by lightning. Hot, dry conditions and erratic winds from passing thunderstorms pushed the fire continually throughout the afternoon. Firefighters are using full suppression tactics to fight the fire. Initial response ordered to the incident were three engines, the Craig Interagency Hot Shot crew (IHC), three single engine air tankers (SEATs) and one air attack plane. Retardant was dropped for safety to firefighters on the ground and help slow the fires spread as engine access was limited and fire crews had to hike to the fire.

This morning crews are back on the fire line with the Roosevelt IHC also assigned to the incident. The SEATs were released last night and are available if needed. Engines on scene are from National Park Service engine and U.S. Forest Service allowing the BLM engines to be available for initial attack.

There are no structures threatened and fire personnel made good progress last evening building fire line. The fire is 10% contained

Yesterday's storms also ignited the Bar Fire about 27 miles southwest of Meeker on BLM land. The fire was contained at one quarter acre.

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